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I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a statement by the Chairman of the Parliament, Head of State of the Republic of Georgia, Mr. Eduard Shevardnadze, dated 5 November 1995 (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and the attached statement could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Peter CHKHEIDZE
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Annex

Statement made on 5 November 1995 by the Head of State of Georgia

I was shocked and outraged by the news of the brutal assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. I keep recalling every detail of the meetings I had with this great and courageous political leader. Now, however, more important than simply expressing personal sentiments is to state that we have failed to curb the forces of darkness and have allowed them to assault heroes struggling selflessly for the achievement of the cherished ideals of humankind. I consider Yitzhak Rabin a genuine hero of our time, since for the benefit of his people and world peace he has chosen a thorny, albeit the only right road, one also involving enormous risks.

I am calling on the world community, and in particular the leaders of the States that are permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, to convene an emergency meeting and to discuss at the highest level measures designed to eliminate terrorism, aggressive separatism and extremist nationalism.

It is appeasement and tolerance towards the latter that have encouraged all manner of terrorists and assassins to perpetrate their heinous crimes against humanity. Now it is time to act, not just to file protests and to express sympathies. Is the barbaric murder of Yitzhak Rabin not enough for us to come to our senses, to wake up and to unite for a real fight against terrorism, extremist nationalism and fanatical fundamentalism of whatever colour it may be?

(Signed) Eduard SHEVARDNADZE